

Letters

Many thanks

It is with great pride that on behalf of the command groups of the 173d Airborne Brigade and 1-508th Airborne Battalion Combat Team, we would like to thank everyone who helped us make an extraordinary success of this year's training for the Expert Infantryman's Badge and the Expert Field Medical Badge.

Every soldier was able to experience first-hand the toughest, yet most rewarding, challenge that our infantrymen and combat medics could face in peacetime.

Both sites were examples of efficient and effective management and for that matter; our special appreciation goes to Sgt. 1st Class James Totten, who administered the EIB site and Sgt. 1st Class Mark Diaz, who directed the site for EFMB. They applied the meaning of dedication and hard work, each emphasizing the true value of a Sky Soldier, and rendering the brigade invaluable service.

The command groups would also like to thank the community and supporting units for their assistance in pulling together, running and clearing this year's sites. Your help and support is truly appreciated.

The training just completed assures us that our soldiers are ready to face any challenges that may lie ahead. Taking with us the lessons learned this year, we look forward to next year's training with more confidence.

Thank you again to all. Sky Soldiers,
173d Airborne Brigade command group
Col. James Yarbrough
Command Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Kilgore
1-508th ABCT command group
Lt. Col. Michael Kershaw
Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Nielsen

I bid you farewell

I would like to say farewell to the patients of Vicenza and to thank you for the privilege of serving as your friend and pharmacist over the past 5 years. I assure you that your pharmaceutical care is being left in the very capable hands of technicians Nadir Smanlotto and Sgt. Kevin Dennis and our new pharmacist, Jacques Leche.

I am transferring to Landstuhl Army Center in the capacity of Chief, Ambulatory Care Pharmacy. If you are ever in need of my assistance or just want to say hello, just call or stop by the pharmacy.

Once more, it has been an honor and a privilege serving you.

Daniel Kinnaird
Vicenza Health Clinic pharmacist

New command for HHD 14th Transportation

By Spc. Christopher Porter
SETAF Public Affairs

When the troops of Headquarters Detachment, 14th Transportation Battalion stand in formation during the unit's change of command ceremony Friday, they'll be representing soldiers deployed all over the Mediterranean area.

Such wide-spread operations are commonplace in the unit, which welcomes Capt. Peter J. Rowell during the ceremony.

Outgoing commander Capt. Robert D. Rouse said his job as commander was to make sure his troops were ready to deploy.

"It's an intense mission," he said. "Our troops are constantly deployed, there's not one day when they're not."

During Rouse's tenure as commander, the detachment's soldiers participated in missions in Bosnia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Kosovo and several other nations.

Rouse received his commission through the ROTC program at Salisbury State University in Maryland, graduating in 1994. After attending training, Rouse was assigned to the 101st Corps Support Group at Fort Campbell, Ky. After serving in different positions around Fort Campbell, Rouse was assigned to SETAF in May 2000.

Rowell, who takes command of the de-

tachment after serving with the Movement Control Team in Livorno, Italy says he's excited to join the SETAF family in Vicenza.

"Coming from an outlying (area of responsibility), it's great to work with the warfighter here in SETAF," he said.

Rowell, who previously served at Fort Drum, N.Y., said he's also looking forward to supporting the troops of the detachment.

As he leaves the unit he's commanded for a year, Rouse had a message for his troops.

"Always strive to be the best you can be and exceed standards," he said. "Never settle for second best."

Meet the people of SETAF

by Laura Kreider



Name: Angela Matson
Organization: U.S. Embassy Liaison Office
Job title: Contact Representative
How Long in Vicenza: Since January 1998

What do you do for the community: As the contact representative, I assist the community in obtaining the required documents for the "Permesso di Soggiorno."

As a newly appointed U.S. passport agent I prepare all necessary documents for obtaining a U.S. passport (official or tourist) and route them to the U.S. consulate in Naples, Italy.

I also issue the USAREUR privilege card for our NATO allies serving in Dal Molin and Verona.

The U.S. Embassy Liaison Office caters to approximately 200 customers per week and therefore my first priority is to make all customers feel at home when they visit our office.

Dog bites and summertime

With the warm weather comes ball games, picnics, festivals and dog bites. Seventy-five percent of all dog bites occur between June and August. Dog bites can be prevented, as long as you and your family follow these simple rules.

- Never bother a dog that is eating, sleeping or chewing on a toy
- Never approach an unknown dog
- Never pet a dog without asking the owner first
- Never tease a dog
- When approached by a dog, don't run. Dogs are faster and like to chase. Instead, stand still or walk slowly and let the dog sniff you. Usually, the dog will lose interest.

Dog owners can help, too. Keep your dog secure in your home. If your dog tends to bite, be sure to put a muzzle on it during walks. Muzzles will also alert people to stay away from a potentially dangerous animal.

If a dog bites you, seek medical attention immediately. If your dog bites someone else, call the veterinary clinic immediately.

For more information about dog bites, call Capt. Mark Smith at 635-4842. Also, check out the American Veterinary Medicine Association's website at <http://www.avma.org/care4pets/avmasafe.htm>.

(Provided by the Vicenza Veterinary Clinic)

SETAF Vicenza fire responses

May 17-29

Emergency Responses:

alarm activation - 3
 smoke scare - 2
 EMS/rescue - 1

Non-emergency responses:

Vehicle Lockouts - 2
 Room Lockouts - 6
 Service Calls - 11
 Work Orders - 7

Fire Safety Tip: Make sure to test your smoke detectors monthly.

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SETAF Vicenza traffic statistics

May 21-27

7 accidents: U.S. affiliated drivers at fault - 5
 Injury accidents - 2

Major causes: failure to maintain control and excessive speed for road conditions and weather

17 tickets issued

non-moving violations - 3
 speeding - 13
 seatbelt violations - 1



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